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ABSTRACT

Since 1990, California's College of the Canyons (CoC) has conducted annual surveys of graduates from its Registered Nursing (RN) program. Between 1990 and 1994, surveys were sent to 193 RN graduates, with completed questionnaires received from 124 alumni. An analysis of responses for each year revealed the following: (1) 91.7% of the respondents from 1994 indicated that CoC was their first choice, compared to 95.5% in 1992 and only 84% in 1991; (2) 66.7% of the 1994 respondents indicated they had chosen CoC for its location, up from 37.5% in 1990, while 16.7% of the 1994 respondents chose it for the quality of the RN program, the lowest percentage of the 5 years (3) 95.9% of the 1994 graduates said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of instruction in the program, the highest percentage of the 5 years; (4) 62.5% of the 1994 graduates had a final grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0, compared to 42.9% of the 1993 graduates and 31.8% of the 1992 graduates; (5) 79.2% of the 1994 respondents were currently employed, 4.2% were continuing their education, 8.3% were caring for home or family, and 8.3% were unemployed; and (6) 100% of the 1994 graduates were satisfied or very satisfied with their working conditions, while 12% of the 1991 were dissatisfied. Comments to open-ended questions from 1994 respondents are included. The survey instrument is appended. (HAA)

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In 1990, the Nursing Department at College of the Canyons, working with the Office of Institutional Development, developed an alumni survey for Registered Nursing Program graduates. A copy of the survey is enclosed in the Appendix. The survey has been administered annually to each of the R.N. classes five months after their graduation from the program. R.N. classes graduate in December and an alumni survey is sent to each graduate in May of the following year.

In five years, the survey has been sent to 193 R.N. graduates. Completed surveys have been received from 124 alumni, for a 64.2 percent overall response rate. The response rate for each of the five classes follows:

Date Graduated	Number Sent	Number of Respondents	Response Rate
1990	35	25	71.4%
1991	36	25	69.4%
1992	44	22	50.0%
1993	45	28	62.2%
1994	33	24	72.7%
Total	193	124	64.2%

The report which follows provides annual comparisons of the responses to each of the survey items.

New Curriculum

It should be noted that the 1994 class was the first class to graduate from the revised R.N. program curriculum.

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Date Graduated	Age Groups				
	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 and above	N
1990	32.0%	40.0%	24.0%	4.0%	25
1991	36.0%	44.0%	20.0%	0.0%	25
1992	22.7%	45.5%	31.8%	0.0%	22
1993	40.7%	37.0%	14.8%	7.4%	27
1994	41.7%	29.2%	25.0%	4.2%	24

Date Graduated	Racial/Ethnic Group					
	Afro-American	White	Mexican-American	Asian-American	Other	N
1990	12.0%	84.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25
1991	0.0%	92.0%	4.0%	4.0%	0.0%	25
1992	0.0%	90.9%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	22
1993	3.7%	88.9%	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	27
1994	0.0%	70.8%	4.2%	12.5%	12.5%	24

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Date Graduated	Sex		
	Female	Male	N
1990	100.0%	0.0%	25
1991	88.0%	12.0%	25
1992	86.4%	13.6%	22
1993	85.7%	14.3%	28
1994	87.5%	12.5%	24

Date Graduated	How Long Attended COC					
	One Year	Two Years	Three Years	Four Years	More than four years	N
1990	24.0%	8.0%	24.0%	16.0%	28.0%	25
1991	12.0%	32.0%	28.0%	12.0%	16.0%	25
1992	9.1%	27.3%	31.8%	22.7%	9.1%	22
1993	7.4%	37.0%	33.3%	14.8%	7.4%	27
1994	12.5%	33.3%	37.5%	0.0%	16.7%	24

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Date Graduated	Primary Enrollment Status Prior to Acceptance: Full-time Student	Part-time Student	Not Enrolled at COC	N
1990	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	22
1991	36.4%	63.6%	0.0%	22
1992	42.9%	57.1%	0.0%	21
1993	32.1%	50.0%	17.9%	28
1994	37.5%	41.7%	20.8%	24

Date Graduated	Prior Status: Nursing Assistant	LVN	EMT	None of the above	N
1990	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	96.0%	25
1991	12.0%	0.0%	0.0%	88.0%	25
1992	22.7%	0.0%	0.0%	77.3%	22
1993	7.1%	21.4%	7.1%	64.3%	28
1994	4.3%	34.8%	8.7%	52.2%	23

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Date Graduated	Where trained						
	ROP	Hospital	Community College	Private School	Nursing Home	Other	N
1990	20.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	5
1991	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5
1992	14.3%	57.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%	7
1993	25.0%	16.7%	25.0%	0.0%	8.3%	25.0%	12
1994	27.2%	27.2%	18.2%	18.2%	0.0%	9.1%	11

Date Graduated	Rating of College of the Canyons			
	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	N
1990	92.0%	8.0%	0.0%	25
1991	84.0%	8.0%	8.0%	25
1992	95.5%	4.5%	0.0%	22
1993	88.9%	11.1%	0.0%	27
1994	91.7%	8.3%	0.0%	24

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Date Graduated	Primary Reason for Attending COC					
	Location	Reputation	Low Cost	Quality of Program	Other	N
1990	37.5%	25.0%	4.2%	33.3%	0.0%	24
1991	52.0%	12.0%	4.0%	32.0%	0.0%	25
1992	54.5%	18.2%	0.0%	18.2%	9.1%	22
1993	57.1%	14.3%	3.6%	21.4%	3.6%	28
1994	66.7%	12.5%	0.0%	16.7%	4.2%	24

Date Graduated	Quality of COC Compared to Other Colleges				
	Better	About the same	Worse	Unable to judge	N
1990	66.7%	20.8%	0.0%	12.5%	24
1991	40.0%	36.0%	4.0%	20.0%	25
1992	59.1%	13.6%	4.5%	22.7%	22
1993	21.4%	53.6%	0.0%	25.0%	28
1994	29.2%	41.7%	0.0%	29.2%	24

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Date Graduated	Would you select Nursing Major if starting over? Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Uncertain	Probably No	Definitely No	N
1990	50.0%	45.8%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	24
1991	64.0%	20.0%	16.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25
1992	59.1%	31.8%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	22
1993	53.6%	28.6%	14.3%	0.0%	3.6%	28
1994	58.3%	33.3%	4.2%	4.2%	0.0%	24

Date Graduated	Quality of Instruction in Nursing area Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	41.7%	45.8%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	8.0%	8.0%	52.0%	32.0%	25
1992	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	61.9%	33.3%	21
1993	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	7.1%	57.1%	32.1%	28
1994	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	66.7%	29.2%	24

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Date Graduated	Out-of-class Availability of Nursing Faculty						
	Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%	24
1991	4.0%	0.0%	12.0%	36.0%	40.0%	8.0%	25
1992	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	22.7%	50.0%	18.2%	22
1993	3.6%	0.0%	7.1%	25.0%	50.0%	14.3%	28
1994	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	33.3%	41.7%	24

Date Graduated	Help/support Provided by Nursing Faculty						
	Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	0.0%	4.2%	4.2%	29.2%	29.2%	33.3%	24
1991	0.0%	4.0%	12.0%	28.0%	40.0%	16.0%	25
1992	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	18.2%	36.4%	40.9%	22
1993	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	14.8%	44.4%	33.3%	27
1994	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	8.3%	45.8%	41.7%	24

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Date Graduated	Preparation Received for Board Exam						
	Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	45.8%	33.3%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.0%	64.0%	24.0%	25
1992	0.0%	0.0%	13.6%	13.6%	59.1%	13.6%	22
1993	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	28.6%	39.3%	25.0%	28
1994	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	25.0%	37.5%	29.2%	24

Date Graduated	Preparation for Future Nursing Position						
	Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	8.3%	54.2%	33.3%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	44.0%	36.0%	25
1992	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.9%	45.5%	13.6%	22
1993	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%	50.0%	21.4%	28
1994	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	20.8%	24

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Date Graduated	Availability of Nursing Courses Wanted						
	Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	50.0%	41.7%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.0%	44.0%	40.0%	25
1992	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	45.5%	22
1993	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.7%	42.9%	46.4%	28
1994	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	12.5%	45.8%	33.3%	24

Date Graduated	Help/support by Nonteaching Staff						
	Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	4.2%	0.0%	4.2%	20.8%	33.3%	37.5%	24
1991	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	36.0%	40.0%	16.0%	25
1992	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	13.6%	59.1%	27.3%	22
1993	3.6%	0.0%	3.6%	14.3%	50.0%	28.6%	28
1994	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	37.5%	41.7%	24

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Date Graduated	Weekly Study Time					
	1 - 3 Hours	4 - 10 Hours	11 - 15 Hours	16 - 20 Hours	More than 20 Hours	N
1990	4.2%	37.5%	37.5%	16.7%	4.2%	24
1991	4.0%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	25
1992	0.0%	52.4%	38.1%	4.8%	4.8%	21
1993	7.1%	39.3%	35.7%	7.1%	10.7%	28
1994	17.4%	52.2%	17.4%	13.0%	0.0%	23

Date Graduated	Final G.P.A.			
	4.0 - 3.5	3.4 - 3.0	2.9 - 2.5	N
1990	34.8%	56.5%	8.7%	23
1991	36.0%	64.0%	0.0%	25
1992	31.8%	59.1%	9.1%	22
1993	42.9%	46.4%	10.7%	28
1994	62.5%	33.3%	4.2%	24

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Date Graduated	What Currently Doing? Employed	Continuing Education	Caring for home/family	Unemployed	N
1990	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24
1991	96.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25
1992	95.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	22
1993	78.6%	14.3%	7.1%	0.0%	28
1994	79.2%	4.2%	8.3%	8.3%	24

Date Graduated	Time to First Job: Had Job	Obtained Prior	Less than 1 month	1 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	N
1990	70.8%	8.3%	4.2%	16.7%	0.0%	24
1991	60.0%	16.0%	12.0%	4.0%	8.0%	25
1992	65.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.0%	5.0%	20
1993	41.7%	4.2%	8.3%	33.3%	12.5%	24
1994	47.1%	5.9%	11.8%	23.5%	11.8%	17

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Date Graduated	Current Employment Status			
	Full-time	Part-time	Other	N
1990	83.3%	12.5%	4.2%	24
1991	84.0%	12.0%	4.0%	25
1992	85.0%	15.0%	0.0%	20
1993	72.0%	16.0%	12.0%	25
1994	82.4%	11.8%	5.9%	17

Date Graduated	Annual Income (full-time employees)				
	$1 to $19,999	$20,000 to $29,999	$30,000 to $39,999	$40,000 or more	N
1990	15.0%	20.0%	50.0%	15.0%	20
1991	4.8%	14.3%	66.7%	14.3%	21
1992	12.5%	6.2%	50.0%	31.3%	16
1993	5.5%	16.7%	50.0%	27.8%	18
1994	23.6%	23.6%	29.4%	23.5%	17

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Date Graduated	Preparation for Job				
	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Not Applicable	N
1990	50.0%	37.5%	12.5%	0.0%	24
1991	16.0%	64.0%	20.0%	0.0%	25
1992	10.0%	65.0%	25.0%	0.0%	20
1993	36.0%	40.0%	24.0%	0.0%	25
1994	33.3%	27.8%	27.8%	11.1%	18

Date Graduated	Clinical Skills - extent used				
	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N
1990	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	80.0%	25
1992	5.0%	0.0%	30.0%	65.0%	20
1993	8.3%	8.3%	25.0%	58.3%	24
1994	5.9%	0.0%	23.5%	70.6%	17

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Date Graduated	Communication Skills - extent used				
	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N
1990	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	24
1991	0.0%	16.0%	20.0%	64.0%	25
1992	0.0%	10.5%	15.8%	73.7%	19
1993	0.0%	12.5%	33.3%	54.2%	24
1994	0.0%	5.9%	35.3%	58.8%	17

Date Graduated	Leadership Skills - extent used				
	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N
1990	0.0%	4.2%	45.8%	50.0%	24
1991	4.0%	12.0%	44.0%	40.0%	25
1992	5.0%	15.0%	35.0%	45.0%	20
1993	4.2%	25.0%	33.3%	37.5%	24
1994	5.9%	17.6%	41.2%	35.3%	17

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Date Graduated	Nursing Diagnosis - extent used: Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N
1990	12.5%	16.7%	16.7%	54.2%	24
1991	0.0%	24.0%	52.0%	24.0%	25
1992	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%	20
1993	12.5%	25.0%	29.2%	33.3%	24
1994	17.6%	11.8%	35.3%	35.3%	17

Date Graduated	Nursing Process - extent used: Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N
1990	12.5%	12.5%	25.0%	50.0%	24
1991	0.0%	12.0%	36.0%	52.0%	25
1992	5.3%	15.8%	47.4%	31.6%	19
1993	12.5%	25.0%	29.2%	33.3%	24
1994	11.8%	11.8%	41.2%	35.3%	17

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Date Graduated	1990 - 1993: Roy Model - extent used 1994: Orem Model Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N
1990	54.2%	16.7%	20.8%	8.3%	24
1991	52.0%	32.0%	8.0%	8.0%	25
1992	68.4%	31.6%	0.0%	0.0%	19
1993	75.0%	16.7%	0.0%	8.3%	24
1994	29.4%	41.2%	23.5%	5.9%	17

Date Graduated	Satisfaction with: Challenge Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	4.2%	0.0%	12.5%	37.5%	45.8%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	40.0%	56.0%	25
1992	0.0%	5.3%	10.5%	36.8%	47.4%	19
1993	4.3%	4.3%	8.7%	34.8%	47.8%	23
1994	5.9%	0.0%	11.8%	29.4%	52.9%	17

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Date Graduated	Satisfaction with: Location					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	4.2%	0.0%	16.7%	29.2%	50.0%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	32.0%	68.0%	25
1992	5.3%	0.0%	15.8%	10.5%	68.4%	19
1993	0.0%	0.0%	30.4%	8.7%	60.9%	23
1994	5.9%	0.0%	11.8%	23.5%	58.8%	17

Date Graduated	Satisfaction with: Salary and Benefits					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	4.2%	4.2%	29.2%	37.5%	25.0%	24
1991	0.0%	12.0%	28.0%	32.0%	28.0%	25
1992	0.0%	5.3%	21.1%	21.1%	52.6%	19
1993	4.3%	8.7%	21.7%	26.1%	39.1%	23
1994	5.9%	0.0%	29.4%	29.4%	35.3%	17

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Date Graduated	Satisfaction with: Advancement Potential					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	4.2%	0.0%	16.7%	54.2%	25.0%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	16.0%	52.0%	32.0%	25
1992	5.3%	0.0%	15.8%	36.8%	42.1%	19
1993	8.7%	8.7%	17.4%	34.8%	30.4%	23
1994	0.0%	5.9%	29.4%	29.4%	35.3%	17

Date Graduated	Satisfaction with: Working Conditions					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	4.2%	8.3%	37.5%	37.5%	12.5%	24
1991	0.0%	12.0%	24.0%	44.0%	20.0%	25
1992	5.3%	0.0%	5.3%	47.4%	42.1%	19
1993	0.0%	4.3%	13.0%	52.2%	30.4%	23
1994	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	70.6%	29.4%	17

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Date Graduated	Satisfaction with: Career Potential					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	0.0%	8.3%	25.0%	41.7%	25.0%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	36.0%	24.0%	40.0%	25
1992	0.0%	10.5%	10.5%	21.1%	57.9%	19
1993	8.7%	8.7%	13.0%	39.1%	30.4%	23
1994	0.0%	0.0%	11.8%	47.1%	41.2%	17

Date Graduated	Current Employed in Nursing		
	Yes	No	N
1990	100.0%	0.0%	24
1991	100.0%	0.0%	25
1992	100.0%	0.0%	20
1993	92.0%	8.0%	25
1994	83.3%	16.7%	18

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Date Graduated	Shift			
	Day	Evening	Night	N
1990	34.8%	21.7%	43.5%	23
1991	32.0%	32.0%	36.0%	25
1992	20.0%	25.0%	55.0%	20
1993	54.2%	8.3%	37.5%	24
1994	46.7%	6.7%	46.7%	15

Date Graduated	Enrolled at another Educational Institution?		
	Yes	No	N
1990	12.0%	88.0%	25
1991	25.0%	75.0%	24
1992	13.6%	86.4%	22
1993	12.0%	88.0%	25
1994	21.7%	78.3%	23

Registered Nursing Alumni Survey
Annual Responses
1990 - 1994

Date Graduated	Major reason for Continuing Education: Job Requirements	Increase Earning	Obtain License/Cert.	Self-Improvement	N
1990	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%	3
1991	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6
1992	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3
1993	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	3
1994	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	6

Date Graduated	COC Preparation for Continuing Education: Exceptionally	More than adequately	Adequately	N
1990	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	3
1991	16.7%	33.3%	50.0%	6
1992	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	3
1993	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	3
1994	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	4

Registered Nursing Alumni Survey
Annual Responses
1990 - 1994

Date Graduated	New G.P.A. 4.0 - 3.5	3.4 - 3.0	N
1990	0.0%	100.0%	2
1991	100.0%	0.0%	1
1992	0.0%	100.0%	2
1993	-	-	0
1994	100.0%	0.0%	1

Date Graduated	Highest degree Planning to Obtain Associate	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other	N
1990	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3
1991	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	16.7%	6
1992	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3
1993	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	3
1994	0.0%	14.3%	85.7%	0.0%	0.0%	7

Responses to Open-Ended Questions - 1994 R.N. Graduates

Two survey items asked alumni to write out responses to an item. Question 16 asked alumni to indicate why they were "Very Dissatisfied" or "Dissatisfied" with any of the items in the previous question about various aspects of the Nursing Program. If students had checked "Very Satisfied," "Satisfied," "Neutral" or "Does Not Apply" to all seven of the previous questions they would have skipped over this item. The open-ended responses to this item follow:

Psych. clinic was like a "sink or swim" event. The end evaluation was far too critical and demanding for the time spent on the hospital unit. I disliked the technique used by certain instructors in the clinical setting. Their critical words and sharp looks served only to create more anxiety and awkwardness in me. I was not a "seasoned nurse" and could not perform like on. I appreciated the instructors who were patient and true teachers. (111)

I feel there should be more individual career counseling and job placement. (112)

I did not feel the COC program prepared me for the board exam. The class availability did not necessarily provide "choices". (120)

Board exam focus was not emphasized during final year course study. (123)

Question 19 asked all students to indicate whether there were some things in the Registered Nursing Program that they felt could have been improved. The open-ended responses follow:

Yes - more pharmacology. (108)

I am very satisfied with the training I received. There is no need for improvement. (109)

Need more emphasis on judgement calls and when to contact physicians. (110)

I was ready for a preceptorship in my last semester. (111)(

The fourth semester should be largely clinical - 3 to 4 full-time days teamleading. (112)

More clinical time each week with a stronger emphasis on knowledge of medication. (113)

More rotation areas. (116)

1) Bridge class; 2) more night classes needed; 3) pharmacology and OB for bridge. (117)

Lecture time could have been used better - less A&P, more assessment and disorders. (118)

More clinical/skills for 4 or more patients per day. Consistent patient care everyday. (119)

Encouragement toward taking on more of a patient load would have been really beneficial. (120)

I think it was an excellent program. It prepared me well to be able to function as an R.N. in any setting. (122)

More on: How to prioritize, and organize in the Clinical setting would have been helpful. (123)

Appendix

College of the Canyons
REGISTERED NURSING ALUMNI SURVEY

DIRECTIONS: The information you supply in this questionnaire will be kept completely confidential. Your Social Security number is requested for research purposes only and will not be listed in any report. If any item requests information that you do not wish to provide, please feel free to omit it. Thank you for your participation.

A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. What is your Social Security number?

   _____ - _____ - _____

2. Age:
   - ___ 19 or under
   - ___ 20 or 21
   - ___ 22 or 23
   - ___ 24 or 25
   - ___ 26 to 29
   - ___ 30 to 39
   - ___ 40 to 49
   - ___ 50 to 59
   - ___ 50 to 59
   - ___ 60 or Over

3. Racial/Ethnic Group:
   - ___ Afro-American/Black
   - ___ American Indian or Alaskan Native
   - ___ Caucasian-American/White
   - ___ Mexican-American/Chicano
   - ___ Asian-American, Oriental, or Pacific Islander
   - ___ Puerto Rican, Cuban or Other Hispanic Origin
   - ___ Other _____
   - ___ Prefer Not to Respond

4. Sex:
   - ___ Female
   - ___ Male

5. How long did you attend College of the Canyons?
   - ___ One term
   - ___ One Year
   - ___ Two Years
   - ___ Three Years
   - ___ Four Year
   - ___ More than four years

6. While you were enrolled at College of the Can-, yons, what was your zip code?

   _____

7. In what year did you complete the Registered Nursing program at College of the Canyons?

   19 ____

8. What was your primary enrollment status at College of the Canyons prior to your acceptance into the Nursing Program?
   - ___ Full-time Student (12 or more units per term)
   - ___ Part-time Student
   - ___ Not enrolled at college prior to acceptance
   - ___ Other, specify _____

B. EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

9. When you entered the Registered Nursing program at College of the Canyons, were you any of the following?
   - ___ Nursing Assistant
   - ___ Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
   - ___ Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
   - ___ Surgical Technician
   - ___ None of the above. Skip to Question 11.

10. If you checked any of the first four items under question 9, where did you receive your training? Check as many as apply.
    - ___ Regional Occupational Program (ROP)
    - ___ Hospital
    - ___ Community college
    - ___ Private school
    - ___ Nursing home
    - ___ Other, specify _____

11. Indicate your rating of College of the Canyons when you first enrolled.
    - ___ It was my first choice
    - ___ It was my second choice
    - ___ It was my third choice
    - ___ It was my fourth choice or lower

12. Indicate the primary reason you chose to attend College of the Canyons.

___ Location
___ Reputation of College
___ Low Cost
___ Quality of Nursing Program
___ Other, specify _____

13. How would you compare the quality of education provided at College of the Canyons with that of other colleges?

___ Better
___ About the Same
___ Worse
___ Unable to Judge

14. If you could start college over, would you select a Nursing major?

___ Definitely Yes
___ Probably Yes
___ Uncertain
___ Probably No
___ Definitely No

15. Please CIRCLE the number indicating your level of satisfaction with each of the following aspects of the Nursing Program at College of the Canyons.

5 - Very Satisfied
4 - Satisfied
3 - Neutral
2 - Dissatisfied
1 - Very Dissatisfied
0 - Does Not Apply

5 4 3 2 1 0 Quality of Instruction in Nursing Area
5 4 3 2 1 0 Out-of-Class Availability of Nursing Faculty
5 4 3 2 1 0 Help/Support provided by Nursing Faculty to Nursing Students
5 4 3 2 1 0 Preparation you received for the Board Exam
5 4 3 2 1 0 Preparation you received for your future Nursing position
5 4 3 2 1 0 Availability of Nursing Courses You Wanted at Times You Could Take Them
5 4 3 2 1 0 Help/Support provided by College Non-teach ing Staff to Nursing Students

16. If you circled number "1 - Very Dissatisfied" or "2 - Dissatisfied: for any of the items in the previous question, please indicate why you were dissatisfied.

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

17. About how many hours a week did you usually spend studying or preparing for your classes?

___ 1 to 3 hours
___ 4 to 10 hours
___ 11 to 15 hours
___ 16 to 20 hours
___ More than 20 hours

18. What was your FINAL grade point average at College of the Canyons? (4.0 = A; 3.0 = B; 2.0 = C)

___ 4.0 to 3.5
___ 3.4 to 3.0
___ 2.9 to 2.5
___ 2.4 to 2.0
___ Below 2.0

C. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

19. In thinking about the training you received in the Registered Nursing program, were there some things that you felt could have been improved?

_____
_____
_____

20. Which of the following BEST describes what you are currently doing?

___ Employed (Including Full-time, Part-time and Self-Employment)
___ Continuing My Education (College, Vocational School)
___ Serving in the Armed Forces
___ Caring for a Home/Family
___ Unemployed
___ Retired
___ Other _____

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY IF YOU HAVE HELD A JOB SINCE LEAVING COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS. OTHERWISE, SKIP TO QUESTION 31.

21. How long did it take you to obtain your first job after leaving College of the Canyons?

___ Had a job which I continued after I completed my program
___ Obtained a job just prior to leaving College of the Canyons
___ Less than 1 month
___ 1 to 3 months
___ 4 to 6 months

22. I am currently employed:

___ Full-time
___ Part-time
___ Other _____

23. What is your annual salary/income in your current job?

___ Less than $10,000
___ $10,000 to $14,999
___ $15,000 to $19,999
___ $20,000 to $24,999
___ $25,000 to $29,999
___ $30,000 to $34,999
___ $35,000 to $39,999
___ $40,000 or more

24. How well did College of the Canyons prepare you for your current job?

___ Excellent preparation
___ Good preparation
___ Adequate preparation
___ Inadequate preparation. Please explain
_____
_____
___ Not applicable

25. In thinking about the Nursing courses you took at College of the Canyons, please CIRCLE the number indicating to what extent you use each of the following in your current position.

4 - Very Much
3 - Quite A Bit
2 - Some
1 - Very Little

4 3 2 1 Clinical Skills
4 3 2 1 Communication Skills
4 3 2 1 Leadership Skills
4 3 2 1 Nursing Diagnosis
4 3 2 1 Nursing Process
4 3 2 1 Orem Model

26. Please CIRCLE the number indicating your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job.

5 - Very Satisfied
4 - Satisfied
3 - Neutral
2 - Dissatisfied
1 - Very Dissatisfied

5 4 3 2 1 Challenge
5 4 3 2 1 Location
5 4 3 2 1 Salary and Benefits
5 4 3 2 1 Advancement Potential
5 4 3 2 1 Working Conditions
5 4 3 2 1 Career Potential

27. Are you currently employed in the field of Nursing?

___ Yes
___ No. If not, please indicate why not
_____
_____
IF NO, SKIP TO QUESTION 31.

28. What is your current employment title?

___ Staff Nurse
___ Charge Nurse
___ Head Nurse
___ Supervisor of Nursing
___ Other _____

29. I am currently working on the:

___ Day Shift
___ Evening Shift
___ Night Shift

30. In what area of medicine are you working?

___ Critical Care
___ D.O.U.
___ Emergency
___ Medical-Surgical
___ Obstetrics
___ Pediatrics
___ Psychiatric
___ Skilled Nursing Facility/TCU
___ Other _____

D. CONTINUING EDUCATION

31. Since completing your program at College of the Canyons, have you enrolled at another educational institution?

___ Yes
___ No. IF NO, SKIP TO QUESTION 38.

32. Please write in the name of the institution.

_____

33. Please write in your intended major or area of study.

_____

34. What is the MAJOR reason you continued your education? Check only one.

___ To Satisfy Job/Career Requirements
___ To Learn a New Occupation
___ To Increase Earning Power
___ To Obtain or Maintain a License or Certification
___ For General Self-Improvement

35. How well did College of the Canyons prepare you for continuing your education?

___ Exceptionally Well
___ More Than Adequately
___ Adequately
___ Less Than Adequately
___ Very Poorly

36. What grade point average have you achieved at the new institution? (4.0 = A; 3.0 = B; 2.0 = C)

___ 4.0 to 3.5
___ 3.4 to 3.0
___ 2.9 to 2.5
___ 2.4 to 2.0
___ Below 2.0

37. What is the highest degree or certificate you eventually plan to obtain?

___ I do not plan to obtain another Degree or Certificate
___ Technical Program Certificate or Diploma
___ Associate Degree
___ Bachelor's Degree
___ Master's Degree
___ Doctor's Degree (Ph.D., Ed.D.)
___ Professional Degree (MD, JD or DDS)
___ Other _____

Thank you for completing this survey.

38. We would like to maintain contact with the Nursing Graduates from College of the Canyons. Please print your current name and address on the enclosed postcard and drop it in the mail so that we might make the necessary corrections in the mailing list. Thank you.

Please return this questionnaire in the envelope provided to:

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